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Chief's Corner



Let me begin by acknowledging the efforts of the men and women of the Department who admirably serve this community every day. It is only through their commitments that we were able to achieve flagship accreditation status via the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In the policing community this is monumental as only a small percentage of agencies nationally are accredited and much less achieve flagship status.

Already 2010 is shaping up as a active year for special events. With numerous football related functions scheduled to be hosted in our City, a large amount of visitors are expected to descend on our island. This is why members of my staff have been working to ensure we provide a safe environment for everyone through proactive crime prevention measures. This brings me to my most important goal for the New Year—reducing crime, especially violent crimes. We will continue to partner with our residents and business owners of the community to achieve this goal.

Best wishes,

Carlos E Noriega,
Chief of Police

The Beat



Orange Bowl, Pro Bowl & Super Bowl; What this means to you?

As you may already be aware, Miami-Dade County is going to be hosting several different large scale football events. As with every year the Orange Bowl will take place in Miami on January 10, 2009. However, for the first time in 30 seasons the Pro Bowl is leaving Aloha Stadium in Hawaii and being played at Land Shark Stadium on January 31, 2009. Lastly, Miami will be hosting its tenth Super Bowl on February 7, 2010.

Everyone is excited about the attention these events will bring to our “vibrant and tropical city”, but what exactly does that mean to you; our residents; and how

will it effect you?

During the Orange Bowl, one of the college teams will be staying within the city limits. Team transportation to and from their training site, game day, and functions within the city will effect traffic in the minimalist way possible.

During the weeks leading up to and during Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, residents will see several live “media” sets in Lumus Park, which will highlight our beautiful city to the nation. The Pepsi Concert Series will also be taking place on the beach east of the sea wall.

These events will no doubt require citywide efforts to put our best foot forward. The Department is as always committed to everyone’s safety and will take necessary steps to include enhanced staffing to ensure that both residents and visitors have a good and safe time.

The Community Affairs Unit will provide up to the minute information of the events by continuously updating the Department’s FACEBOOK page (refer to story on back page of this issue).



Going out of Town? Protect your home while away

Most of us like to go on vacations with our families when possible. While away you can take steps to protect your home. Following these few simple ideas can avoid ruining your trip upon your return. Have a friend or family member collect your mail and news papers or you can have both of these items stopped until your return by contacting the Post Office and/or your paper carrier. Do not leave keys outside on your

property for anyone, leave them with a trusted friend or family member. Utilize a timer on lights in your home to give the illusion that you are there. Motion detecting lights are a great way to protect your home at night. Lastly let MBPD help you enjoy your vacation. You can contact the Department’s Patrol Division at 305.673.7933 and request a Watch Order be placed on your home. The Order will be handed

to Officers on all three shifts, who will check your home at least once during their work day until you come home.

Mark Your Calendars

Orange Bowl	01/05/10
Art Deco	01/15/10
ING Marathon	01/31/10
Pro Bowl	01/31/10
Super Bowl	02/07/10

Mission Statement

MBPD Detective Honored

Detective Marlen Rivero, a six year veteran of the Department, currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Squad and a member of the Florida National Guard since 1998 was awarded the Florida National Guard Battalion Non Commission Officer of the Year Award. Detective Rivero, who carries the rank of Staff Sergeant was nominated for this award by her Company and was selected as the Battalion Non Commissioned Officer of the Year by the Headquarters 260th Military Intelligence Battalion. This award has made Detective Rivero eligible to represent the MACOM (Major Army Command), Headquarters 50th Area Support Group in the upcoming Brigade competition on January 15th, 2010.

Congratulations to Detective Marlen Rivero a married mother of three for her hard work and dedication to her Country and the City of Miami Beach.



Miami Beach Law Enforcement Professionals deliver policing excellence through proactive services and interactions, providing a safe environment to all who live work and play in our vibrant tropical historic community

CORE VALUES

Honor, Courage and Integrity

Community Policing and the Internet; FACEBOOK

The Community Affairs Unit, which is made up of the Department's Media Relations Office and your Neighborhood Resource Officers are committed under the direction of Chief Noriega to Community Policing. With that in mind we set out to provide information to our residents via two ways. The first was creating "The

Beat" our new monthly news letter. The second is via FACEBOOK.

Residents can find the department's FACEBOOK page titled "Miami Beach Police Department" and become a fan. Our goal is to utilize our page to inform residents of needy information they can get on their own via this forum.

We are encouraging all of our readers to become a fan and utilize this helpful tool.



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Following up on a concerned call about the well being of one of our residents, Miami Beach Detectives responded to the Orbet's Home in the 1400 BLK of Lenox Avenue. What our Detectives found was beyond words. The elderly couple was living in deplorable conditions and their home was in much needed repair.

Under the charge of Detective Vivian Hernandez a call was put out to City Employees. Our local media assisted in obtaining help from the community via their news cast..

Within hours we received several volunteers city wide. Businesses

throughout South Florida and civilians volunteered their services

The couple was provided a room at one our local hotels while all the work was being completed in their home. Garbage was collected, rugs were taken out, appliances replaced, walls and ceilings were repaired and painted, furniture was donated. The house was tented and much needed outside care was completed. Long term assistance was also obtained

The couple was overwhelmed with the work and support from the community they have lived in for most of their lives.

The Department would like to the thank the following business for donating their services:

All Pro Garbage
Darn Quick Termite & Fumigation
Dream Clean
Kleen Teem
Paul David Restoration
Rotary Club of Miami Beach
Security Alliance
Stern Brothers Plumbing
Jimmy Frederick Catering
Mangos Tropical Café
Polo Norte